

Tips for Caregivers

Monthly Social Workers Visits with Children in Out-of-Home Placement

Social Workers will ask you questions about how a child is doing in your home.

Some of those questions may include:

General questions about the home and family structure such as:

Who currently lives in the home?

How does the caregiver respond to discipline problems?

Are there any significant events in the caregiver's residence that might impact the care of this child? (death, marital separation, medical issues).

What is the best time or method to contact you?

Questions about a child's adjustment, well-being, and progress toward permanency goals:

Do family members feel safe with this child?

How is the child adjusting to this home?

What makes the child happy or upset?

What are the child's interests?

What is the child's daily routine?

What is the child's progress in school?

What do you see as the child's strengths?

How is the child engaging in his or her ethnic, cultural and religious traditions?

When did the child have his or her last medical/mental health dental appointment?

When did the child visit with parents and siblings and how does child respond?

Does the child have problems with the law or other institutions?

Does the child engage in activities that pose a risk of self harm?

Does the child need any services or supports?

This is a chance for you to ask any questions you might have for the child's social worker, some commonly asked questions include:

What is the permanency plan for the child?

Are there any plans to move the child before the next visit?

How can I access these services?

- ☐ Medical
- ☐ Dental
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Educational
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Recreational
- ☐ Cultural
- ☐ Other

Are there any behaviors, conditions, concerns about this child I should know about that haven't been provided?

What support groups, or hubs are available in my area?

Where can I access training?

Who should I call if I have issues related to payment?

Are there any upcoming staffings, educational meetings, appointments, or court hearings that I should be aware of or attend?

When is the best time and method to contact you?

If I can't get in touch with you, who else may I call?

Contact / Appointment Information

Child: _____

Social Worker: _____

Social Worker Phone: _____

Social Worker E-Mail: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor Phone: _____

Supervisor E-Mail: _____

After Hours Help Phone: _____

Initial for each monthly visit: (SW- social worker) (FP- foster parent)

January SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

February SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

March SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

April SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

May SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

June SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

July SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

August SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

September SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

October SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

November SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____

December SW _____ FP _____ Next Visit _____